

# WILSON DESPERATE IN DEFENSE FIGHT

## Tour Planned as Final Move to Win Sympathy of Whole Country in Campaign.

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First trip a route which would practically confine him to the Middle West is easily explained. Without the vote of members of Congress from this section the defense program has small chance of success. For geographical reasons, principally, the people of this section are more or less apathetic on the question of preparedness. With many square miles of mountain and plain separating them from the sea-coast they find it hard to get the point of view of the seaboard States and to fear the possibilities of invasion by a foreign foe.

The extent to which this apathy still exists, not only in the Middle West but in certain sections of the South, is proved by the situation in Congress. There all is chaos on the subject. The Democrats from these sections either have small sympathy for the Administration program, or are openly hostile. There is no leadership, and the power of the President to hold members in line is not as strong as it was at the beginning of the Administration. Feeling no pressure from home in behalf of preparedness, these Democrats are many of them "off the reservation." And they hold the situation more or less in their own hands.

For this condition many of the Administration leaders are directly blaming the President. The preparedness policy, threatened with defeat, they say, principally because the President has not taken on the task of creating public sentiment, but has left it for the public itself to create—a public more or less mystified and bewildered by a discord of opinions that emanate from Congress. According to these friends of the President, had he from the first kept the public constantly advised of what he is trying to accomplish, he would have minimized all programs but the one that bears the stamp of Administration approval. And because they believe that there is still chance for this to be done, they have at last persuaded the President to go before the country and prove that his heart is in the program. They feel that, having covered himself completely in twelve months' time on the need of better preparedness he should go the limit, to convince the country that his present views are correct.

**Fight Popular Then**

At the time that the President reversed himself and adopted the cause of preparedness the issue was undoubtedly a popular one. It was at the height of the crisis following the sinking of the Lusitania, when war with Germany was more imminent than any people now recall, that the President gave notice of his change of mind. A year previous, in an address to Congress, he had pooh-poohed all talk of bigger army and navy, and laid stress on what could be expected from a "citizen soldiery."

Now, he gave it to be understood that he had changed his opinion, and in so doing he broke finally from the influence of Bryan. At the time the break with Bryan did not appear serious.

Since then the situation has somewhat altered. With the passing of the Lusitania crisis and the giving by Germany of a promise to be good, popular opinion in the Middle West grew again unimpaired. Although kept alert in the East and far West by continued agitation, sentiment in the mid-sections, where leadership has been lacking, died away. When the Administration's defense program was announced shortly before the convening of Congress last December all that members of Congress from the Middle West, returning to Washington, appeared to see was that the program would cost a lot of money, and that if it went through the chances were that the Middle West, long a beneficiary of the Congressional "pork barrel," would have to content itself with smaller appropriations for rivers and postoffice buildings.

**Bryan Not Idle**

In the meantime Bryan was not idle. Following in the Middle West was always been a respectable sized one, and he did not hesitate to capitalize the growing apathy toward national defense to the credit of his political theories. To what extent Mr. Bryan was responsible for the back-reaction against preparedness in these States is not clear. It is known, however, that the mission of the remarkable anti-preparedness tour which he is now making, was to bring the Democratic leader of the House into open hostility to him, and to bring the Senate steering committee, Senator Kern of Indiana, dubious, and the Democratic Speaker of the House, Champ Clark, was being accused of flirting with Bryan.

Constantly widening in extent, this division between the Democrats into the camps of preparedness, of Wilson, and the camp of anti-preparedness, of Bryan, has existed for approximately six weeks with President Wilson all the while sitting back in seclusion and saying nothing.

Just as the situation is a critical one from the standpoint of the nation's defense program, so some of the friends of the President feel that the standstill of Democratic prospects in the election next fall. For a long time there has been the view in certain Administration quarters that peace and prosperity in the country had been the result of President Wilson's re-election would be less of a disaster to the Democrats, regardless of other objections raised against him. Recently, however, there has been a slight readjustment of views.

**Would It Last?**

Though still contending that peace and prosperity could swing the election to his favor, there are some who are wondering how long prosperity might last should there come a sudden cessation of hostilities between now and spring, with the consequent and immediate shrinkage of the vast export trade in munitions, the laying off of munition factory employes in large numbers, and with no high tariff to protect the country from European exporters anxious to regain their markets at any cost.

Such a situation, developing suddenly between now and election time would, it is pointed out, rob the Democrats of their present advantage and leave them still holding the Mexican flag and other vulnerable achievements. Should, on top of this, the Administration emerge from the preparedness fight, beaten and with forces divided, it is believed that there would be little, if any, hope of success in November. The situation, the Administration leaders believe, is up to the President, and upon the results of his coming tour throughout the country, they say, will depend whether he still make good.

**Welsh Move for Peace**

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Welsh branch of the Independent Labor party has passed a resolution asking the government to make a statement with reference to terms of peace.

# CADET CORPS URGED BY ALEXANDRIANS

## Need for Larger Army and Navy Emphasized at Mass Meeting—Glee Club Formed.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 23.—The importance of military training for the boys of the Alexandria High School, the organization of a military company in that institution and the necessity of an increased army and navy for the United States were urged at a mass meeting held this afternoon in the Sunrise Theater. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Parents-Teachers' Association of the Public Schools, and Stanley G. Blanton, of the Alexandria High School, president of the association, presided. The speakers were Mr. Blanton, secretary of the Navy League; Miss Elizabeth Post, chairman of the woman's section of the Navy League; Gen. E. W. Nichols, and Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett.

The Alexandria Glee Club has been organized with the following officers: James Roberts, president; Miss Emily Johnson, secretary and Treasurer; Miss Katherine Waller, director, and Stanley G. Blanton, assistant director. The next meeting of the club will be held Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, 1111 North View terrace, Rosemont.

The third dance of the Junior Assembly was held last night in the Elks Auditorium. There were a number of guests from out of the city.

Funeral services for John Hanrahan were held this afternoon from the Methodist Protestant Church, and were conducted by the Rev. E. T. Kirkley, pastor.

The Rev. Joseph W. Hall, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in this city, has been detailed by the foreign mission board to field evangelistic work in China, and with his wife will sail from Seattle on March 7. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will leave Alexandria about February 1, and will stop at several places en route to the Pacific coast to visit friends and relatives. Elder Floyd E. Gibson, of Colonial Beach, who for several churches throughout the northern neck of Virginia, will succeed the Rev. Mr. Hall in this city. The Seventh Day Adventists have secured Odd Fellows Hall in North Columbus street, in which to hold their Saturday afternoon meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hulfish have sold to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Pierpont the two-story brick dwelling at 111 North Columbus street. Mr. and Mrs. Hulfish left today for Havre, Mont., where they will make their home.

Members of Mt. Vernon and Mary Washington Councils, Daughters of America, will leave Alexandria, for the Columbus street station, at 7:29 o'clock tomorrow night to attend a rally of the order in Washington.

Martha Washington Chapter, No. 42, order of the Eastern Star, will give a theater party to Peck's Theater, Washington, Tuesday night.

# Knocked Down by Motor; Her Condition Serious

## Mrs. Ellen Cobert, sixty-six years old, of 929 Third street southwest, who was knocked down by an automobile in Nichols avenue, near the Government Hospital for the Insane, last evening, is in a serious condition at the Casualty Hospital. Physicians declare her chances for recovery are slight. She probably is suffering, they say, from a fracture of the skull and internal injuries.

James H. Johnson, aged twenty-four, of 277 First street northwest, is held by the police of the Eleventh precinct pending the outcome of the woman's injuries. Johnson, according to the police, was operating the automobile. Mrs. Cobert, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. William Thomas, was crossing Nichols avenue shortly after 6 o'clock when the accident occurred.

# COMPULSORY ARMY SERVICE DEMANDED

With demands for compulsory military service and greatly increased army and navy, the National Security League placed itself on record last night as favoring the plans of the general board of the navy and the general staff of the army, as opposed to the ideas of Secretaries Daniels and Garrison.

Secretary Garrison's recommendation to enlarge the regular army was specifically indorsed. But in every other respect the league lined up for a larger degree of preparedness than has yet been submitted to Congress.

Further, it recommended the joining of all forces favoring preparedness into one big organization; and a council of national defense, which shall assume the function—now vested in the President alone—of recommending military legislation to Congress.

In addition to coast artillery and auxiliary troops, the "mobile regular army" it was declared, should be increased to four complete divisions.

State militia and volunteer military systems were attacked by resolution.

"This nation has too long ignored the great democratic principle that every citizen is bound to render military service," said George W. Wickereham, former Attorney General.

The three-day convention of the league was concluded last night with a banquet at the Willard, at which 40 men and women gathered. Speeches were made by President Menken, toastmaster; former Attorney General Wickereham, Senator Lodge, James M. Beck, former assistant attorney general; George Haven Putnam, the Boston publisher; and John Purroy Mitchell, mayor of New York. Many former cabinet officers were at the guest table.

There was a dramatic moment during the dinner, when there was shown upon the screen the picture of George Washington with his words as first President.

If we desire to avoid insult we must be able to repel it. If we desire peace, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war. It brought the diners to their feet, singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, after advocating an army of 1,200,000 men, questioned the accuracy of the President's preparedness message.

# G. O. P. PREPARES TO SELECT CHAIRMAN

## First Move in Naming Temporary Head of Convention to Be Taken Tomorrow.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The first move in the selection of a temporary chairman for the Republican national convention in Chicago next June will be made tomorrow when the subcommittee of the Republican national committee meets in the Congress Hotel.

National Chairman Charles D. Hillen is expected to arrive here late this afternoon. Fred W. Upham, chairman of the Chicago committee on arrangements, has all preliminary details perfected.

It is understood the Coliseum will be arranged just as it was for the 1912 convention. There is no hint as to who will be selected as temporary chairman.

# FORD STILL HOPES FOR WORLD PEACE

## Willing to Cross Atlantic Again if Necessary, According to Word From Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 23.—Henry Ford has not abandoned his efforts for world peace. If necessary, the Detroit millionaire will cross the Atlantic again and devote his time and fortune in further efforts to stop the European war.

This information comes from Ford headquarters here. It was declared Ford is in no way disappointed in the results so far of the peace cruise, and that he is entirely satisfied with the personnel of the permanent peace tribunal.

Whether the Detroit manufacturer will return again to Stockholm and there personally direct the peace efforts probably will not be determined for several weeks. His decision on this matter will be influenced largely by the report of his lieutenants now in Europe. If they believe his presence in Stockholm will further the peace cause he will go; otherwise, he does not believe it necessary for him to do more than furnish all the funds for the maintenance of the peace commission.

# Pastors Aid Relief Work For Hebrews

## Remind Congregations President Has Set Aside Next Thursday as Donation Day.

Complying with the request of Rabbi Abram Simon, a number of Washington ministers today called the attention of their congregations to the fact that next Thursday has been designated by President Wilson as national Hebrew relief day throughout the United States. On that day contributions will be received by the Red Cross and special committees for the relief of the war-stricken Hebrews in Europe. Simon Wolf is chairman of the Washington Zionist relief committee.

Louis D. Brandeis, chairman of the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs, has requested the people of Washington to co-operate in this humanitarian movement. He expresses the belief that \$50,000 will be raised in the United States next Thursday.

**G. W. U. Freshmen Dine.**

With Dr. H. A. Clayton acting as toastmaster, and addresses by Dr. L. V. Deiter and several members of the class, the annual banquet of the freshmen class of the College of Veterinary, Surgeon-General George Washington University, was held last night at the Capitol Park Hotel. Musical solos were contributed by E. Romberger.

# BRITISH NAVY DARES GERMANS TO FIGHT

## Report of Enemy's Entry Into North Sea Stirrs English to Issue Challenge.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The report that the German fleet, led by new dreadnaughts carrying 15-inch guns, is preparing to engage the British fleet in the North Sea, brought forth from every sailor in the English navy today a wish that the probability would become a fact.

Men of the British fleet from Admiral Jellicoe down, could wish for nothing better, and challenge the enemy. No one in England's navy believes the story of the 15-inch guns, but it makes no difference. All the British sailors want is the German fleet out of the North Sea to settle the question of naval supremacy in one tremendous battle.

A young naval officer at one of the bases of the British fleet expressed the sentiments of all his comrades when he said: "The German high sea fleet can choose the day, the hour, and the place of battle if they will only come out and fight."

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